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(37 CFR 1.63)**

☒ Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing      OR      ☐ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)

Attorney Docket Number      25092-13

First Named Inventor      Bichel et al.

**COMPLETE IF KNOWN**

Application Number      /

Filing Date      February 4, 2002

Art Unit

Examiner Name

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SOFT SORTING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

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